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In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1642  
KIRON M. DAS ) Examiner: Brenda G. Brumback *#14  
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Serial No.: 09/512,515 )  
Filed: February 24, 2000 )  
For: IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR THE )  
DIAGNOSIS OF GASTRIC INTESTINAL )  
METAPLASIA ASSOCIATED WITH GASTRIC )  
CARCINOMA )

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Dear Madam:

I, Kiron M. Das, hereby declare, subject to penalty of perjury, that:

I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein. If called as a witness I could and would competently testify to the following.

1. I am a medical doctor and I have been involved in the research of inflammatory bowel disease for over 20 years.

2. My current position is Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Robert Wood Johnson University Medical Group, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

3. I have reviewed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/512,515 entitled "Immunoassay Method for the Diagnosis of Gastric Intestinal Metaplasia Associated with Gastric Carcinoma" filed February 24, 2000.

Unequivocal Statement of Inventorship

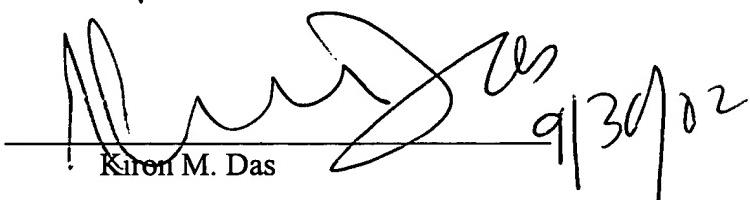
4. I am the named inventor of the 09/512, 515 patent application.

5. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter of Claims 1-20 of application Serial No. 09/512,515.

6. I am the sole inventor of the disclosure in the Griffel et al. (Griffel et al., Use of a Novel Monoclonal Antibody in Diagnosis of Barrett's Esophagus, Digest. Sci. 45: 40-48 (2000)) publication which might, in whole or in part, disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1-20 in application Serial No. 09/512,515.

7. I hereby further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and, further, that these statements are made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of United States Application No. 09/512,515.

Signed at New Brunswick, New Jersey on Sept. 30, 2002.

  
Kiron M. Das 9/30/02